



Missouri  
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RECREATIONAL USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSES  
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment Period  
May 21, 2008 – August 31, 2008

**Shady Creek**

Unclassified  
St. Louis County

Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Water Protection Program  
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## Stream Usage Survey

1. Stream Name (Please enter the full name)

2. County (Please enter the county or counties where the use occurs)

3. City or Town (Please enter city or town closest to the area of use)

4. Where do you use the stream? If use occurs in multiple locations, please list them all below. (Please be specific so the location can be identified on a map, e.g., 9th Street Bridge, Anytown City Park, Quarter Section-Township-Range, Latitude/Longitude, etc).

Lat: 38.596336, Lng: -90.360315

5. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for recreation since Nov. 28, 1975?

☒ Yes If Yes, go to Question #6 ☐ No If No, go to Question #11

6. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for any of the following whole body contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

☐ Swimming ☐ Tubing ☐ Snorkling/Skin Diving ☐ Water Skiing

7. How many times per year have you or your family personally used the stream for these activities?

8. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for any of the following secondary contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

☐ Fishing ☒ Wading ☐ Boating ☐ Trapping

9. How many times per year have you or your family personally used the stream for these activities?

10. How many of these times did children wade or play in the stream?

11. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for recreation since Nov. 28, 1975?

☒ Yes If Yes, go to Question #12 ☐ No If No, go to Question #17

12. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for any of the following whole body contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

☐ Swimming ☐ Tubing ☐ Snorkling/Skin Diving ☐ Water Skiing

13. How many times per year have you observed or heard of others using the stream for these activities?

14. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for any of the following secondary contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

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15. How many times per year have you observed or heard of others using the stream for these activities?

16. How many of these times did you observe or hear of children wading or playing in the stream?

17. Do you have additional comments you would like to provide the department regarding this stream?

18. In the event the department has questions, please provide the following contact information:

First Name:  Last Name:

Address 1:  Address 2:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

Phone Number: (  )   ext.  E-mail:



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To john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Use Attainability in St. Louis Area Streams

Dear John and Members of the Clean Water Commission

I won't be able to attend the public meeting in St. Louis tomorrow evening, but I want to comment on stream protection.

There are a number of streams in St. Louis that should be protected for whole body contact and for wading and splashing.

I live in Webster Groves and there are often children playing in Shady Creek that runs along Lockwood Road--- it adjoins properties there and goes through some parks

Also a branch of Shady creek that flows through the Algonquin Golf Course then travels through Larson Park and it the site of many children's adventures in the natural world. You can find trails to the creek along its channel. It is shallow, but kids play there regularly.

As these streams merge and go on down stream toward Deer Creek there are other access points where neighborhood children play.

Deer Creek in its entire length should be a wade -able and swim- able stream... Friends who grew up on the stream used to fish, swim and even canoe it in high water. There is a great swimming hole that people do not use today because the stream is too dirty, but it would be used every day in the summer, because it is plenty deep, more than 6 feet deep and probably twenty feet in diameter, but we cannot use in until the river is cleaned up. You can find the trails that go down the the creek in numerous places, including near the Bi-State Bus Depot at Brentwood Blvd.

I bike along Grants Trail and see people playing in Gravois Creek on a regular basis. There are a number of parks that come into the creek, and children and dogs are often wading in the creek. This is in spite of the fact we know it is not clean... if it were cleaned up we would have lots more people enjoying that stream, especially because it does border the trail and is very easy to access.

I used to live in University City and North River Des Peres, which flows in Ruth Park and then down to Heman Park is also a play area for children, especially those whose homes back to the creek. This area should be protected for wading. I think now there are sewer overflows in the stream corridor.

Thanks for including these comments in your documents.

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